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REF: A) BEIJING 28267 B) STATE 241188 C) BEIJING  
28108 D) BEIJING 27998

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2. SUMMARY: PICKING UP ON THE U.S. SUGGESTION (REF  
B) THAT A WALK-THROUGH, VISUAL INSPECTION "MAY"  
RESOLVE THE "YIN HE" ISSUE, THE CHINESE HAVE PROPOSED  
THAT U.S. INSPECTORS JOIN AS "TECHNICAL ADVISERS" TO A  
JOINT SAUDI-CHINESE TEAM THAT WOULD INSPECT THE "YIN  
HE" OUTSIDE DAMMAM PORT. AT THE SAME TIME, CHINA HAS  
ATTACHED CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THAT THE U.S. DECLARE  
THE "YIN HE" CLEAN OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS, IF  
IT IS, AND THAT WE SECURE PRIOR UAE APPROVAL FOR THE  
"YIN HE" TO DOCK AT DUBAI ONCE WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY  
INSPECTED THE CARGO AT DAMMAM.

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[REDACTED] THE CHINESE  
APPEAR WILLING TO ORDER THE SHIP TO PROCEED TO DAMMAM  
IF THE SAUDIS WILL SIGNAL THAT THE SHIP IS WELCOME.  
END SUMMARY.

3. ON AUGUST 10, MFA IO DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
SHA ZU KANG PROVIDED US WITH THE CHINESE RESPONSE TO  
THE U.S. AUGUST 8 PROPOSAL FOR RESOLVING THE "YIN HE"  
AFFAIR (REF B). HE FIRST READ FROM A TALKING POINTS  
PAPER WHICH IS REPRODUCED AT PARA 10, BUT THEN ADDED  
IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS. THE CHINESE SAY THEY ARE  
ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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4. SHA REITERATED THE CHINESE CLAIM THAT THE U.S.  
CHARGES ARE "GROUNDLESS" AND THAT WE BEAR FULL  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS AND DELAYS INCURRED AS A  
RESULT OF THE ENTIRE "YIN HE" INCIDENT.

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7. SHA SAID CHINESE SHIPPERS HAVE CERTIFIED THE CARGO DOES NOT CONTAIN CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS AND HAVE AGREED TO BE PROSECUTED UNDER CHINESE LAW IF THEY HAVE MADE A FALSE DECLARATION.

8. ON THE QUESTION OF MOVING TOWARD DAMMAM PORT, SHA

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SAID THE SAUDIS HAVE ALREADY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE  
"YIN HE," THEREFORE, HE REQUESTED THE U.S. ("AS ITS  
RESPONSIBILITY") TO PROCURE SAUDI PERMISSION FOR THE  
VESSEL TO ENTER SAUDI WATERS OUTSIDE DAMMAM. HE SAID  
CHINA WOULD WAIT FOR SUCH PERMISSION, WHICH COULD COME  
VIA A DESIGNATED CHINESE SHIPPING AGENT OR THE CHINESE  
EMBASSY IN SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH SHA  
INDICATED THE CHINESE WERE WILLING TO INSTRUCT THE  
SHIP TO APPROACH DAMMAM, HE ALSO REITERATED THAT IT  
MADE NO SENSE TO DO SO UNLESS BOTH (1) THE SAUDIS ARE  
READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT INSPECTION AND (2) THE  
U.S. CAN GUARANTEE THE UAE WILL ALLOW THE SHIP INTO  
DUBAI WHEN A SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CARRIED  
OUT.

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